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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office.

Toronto 27th August 1919

Dear Sir Robert:

For some months past the Editing Committee of the Journal of The Canadian Bankers' Association has had under consideration a scheme of advanced education for the officers of banks, and a plan has been worked out with the help of some friends somewhat along the lines of the W.E.A. In order to place the scheme on a proper basis, however, we would require the assistance of the University, and in fact we are anxious that in some way the professorial staff of the University should become interested in the plan. If the scheme, as we hope, proves a success, it would mean a closer relationship between the banks and the Universities, and the possibilities for extension in the future should prove beneficial to all concerned. The suggestion is that the Banks should enlist the co-operation of several members of your staff, some of whom already have some knowledge of our plans, and at the same time seek the privilege of using one or two of your rooms for an evening or so each week during the University session, for all of which there would be suitable remuneration. Sir Edmund Walker has some knowledge of the scheme, and I should be very glad indeed to discuss our plans

with you some day at your convenience, in order that I may place the matter more fully before you.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully

Chairman, Editing Committee
Journal of The Canadian Bankers' Association

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.
69 St George Street
Toronto

September 11th, 1919

H. V. F. Jones, Esq.,
Ass't General Manager,
Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Sir Robert Falconer in Halifax I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and to say that I am forwarding it to Professor R. M. MacIver who has charge of the Employment Department Course and if he has a copy of Professor Strong's lecture I know he will be glad to send it to you.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office.

Toronto 7th October 1919

Dear Sir Robert:

With reference to our conversation regarding the proposed Toronto Bankers' Educational Association, I have met with the Bankers and discussed the subject, and the majority of them are enthusiastic regarding the proposal. We have already had applications from 265 officers to take the courses to be arranged, and I should like very much now to meet you at the earliest possible moment in order to learn what arrangements we can make to carry out the plan. We are constituted somewhat on the lines of the W.E.A. and will have two or three tutors taking classes, outside of the University.

I shall be very glad to meet you any afternoon but Thursday, at your convenience.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.

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November 1st, 1919

H. V. F. Jones, Esq.,
Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Jones:

Yesterday afternoon I called at the Bank of Commerce in the hope of being able to see you. On my return from Winnipeg I had a meeting of our sub-committee which is dealing with the Bankers' courses, and I wish to tell you the general conclusions at which we had arrived.

In the first place I understand that the list of tutors has been agreed upon and that Mr. Smith will arrange with them. I am of opinion that such of the tutors as are on the University staff should be paid by the University rather than by the Bankers' Association. Therefore, if the money for this work is deposited with the Bursar of the University he will have the remuneration given to the tutors who have done the work. In this way the University will keep its hand upon the amount of work that is being done by members of its staff and endeavour to regulate it and see that the ordinary work of the University will not suffer. The rate of remuneration for tutors I think should be agreed upon by Mr. Smith and myself, inasmuch as it will determine in large measure what the University feel called upon to offer for other classes which it has also undertaken to provide.

It is proposed that the classes will meet in either the Social Service Building, 8 Queen's Park, or in the Political Science Building, 21 St. George Street. Later in the season when we are in a position to estimate we will let you know what sum will be sufficient to cover the expenses for opening the buildings and having them used for the conducting of the classes.

I hope that these arrangements will be satisfactory to you, and I shall be glad to talk the matter over with you at your early convenience.

Yours sincerely,

President.